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SUBJECT: AFGHAN REFUGEE RELIEF: RUPEES

REF: (A) STATE 151660 (B) ISLAMABAD 7821

1. AS INDICATED REF (A), WE HAVE RECEIVED REDELEGATION OF AUTHORITY FROM IDCA FOR USE OF 47,520,000 PAKISTANI RUPEES FOR AFGHAN REFUGEE RELIEF. CONCUR WITH EMBASSY'S PLAN TO REQUEST GOP APPROVAL FOR SUCH USE. WITH RESPECT TO SPECIFIC ALLOCATION OF TOTAL AMOUNT, LETTER MIGHT INDICATE THAT 26,730,000 RUPEES IS INTENDED FOR USE OF UNHCR WITH REMAINDER FOR OTHER VOLUNTARY AGENCIES INVOLVED IN RELIEF EFFORT, INCLUDING LEAGUE OF RED CROSS SOCIETIES/PAKISTAN RED CRESCENT. FYI: WE AGREE WITH LISTING REF (B) OF DESERVING RECIPIENTS OF RUPEE FUNDS
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(EXCEPTING PERHAPS ICRC FOR WHICH WE ARE PLANNING

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CONTRIBUTION OF ONE MILLION DOLLARS OR 40 OF THEIR APPEAL). HOWEVER, WE ARE UNABLE TO SPECIFY EXACT AMOUNTS FOR EACH ENTITY UNTIL WE HAVE PROJECT PROPOSALS IN HAND AND ARE ABLE ALSO TO DETERMINE HOW DOLLAR CONTRIBUTIONS SHOULD FIT INTO THE PROGRAMS. WE HAVE FOLLOWED UP HERE WITH CRS, CWS, SALVATION ARMY (SA) AND IRC.

-- A. CRS HAS PRESENTED PROPOSAL FOR PROCUREMENT OF 5,000 DOUBLE FLY TENTS TO SHELTER APPROXIMATELY 40,000 REFUGEES AT A COST OF RS 7 MILLION (\$707,070 EQUIVALENT). CRS INDICATES THAT PROPOSAL WAS ENDORSED LAST OCTOBER BY UNHCR.

-- B. CWS INDICATES THAT DEANE HAMCOCK IS NOW ON HOMELEAVE, BUT DUBEE OF KARACHI INTER-AID IS BEING ASKED TO SUBMIT PROPOSALS, WHICH MAY WELL HAVE TO DO WITH DELIVERY OF BLANKETS AND MEDICAL SUPPLIES.

-- C. SA HAD EXPRESSED INTEREST LAST YEAR IN SEEKING RUPEE FUNDING FOR WORK IN HEALTH FIELD. SA REPRESENTATIVE, THOMAS MCCLURE, PLANS TO ARRIVE ISLAMABAD JUNE 20 IN COURSE OF VISIT TO SOUTH ASIA, AND HE HAVE ASKED THAT TELEX BE SENT TO HIM SUGGESTING CALL AT EMBASSY (RAYTRAY OR AMSELM) AND UNHCR TO DISCUSS PLAN.

-- D. IRC HAD BEEN CONSIDERING APPLYING TO AID FOR RUPEE SUPPORT OF ITS PROGRAM AND FOR THAT PURPOSE HAD ALREADY REQUESTED PROPOSAL FROM ITS REP IN PESHAWAR, LIKELY TO BE SOMEWHAT EXPANDED HEALTH CARE PROGRAM IN NWFP.

IT APPEARS AT THIS POINT THAT THERE WILL BE PROPOSALS TO ABSORB FULL RUPEE ALLOCATION. DOLLAR CONTRIBUTIONS MAY BE ANOTHER MATTER.

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2. WE ALSO NEED THE REPORT WHICH UNHCR AND LICROSS ARE TO SUBMIT (PURSUANT TO PLEDGE LETTERS) ON USE OF 1980 RUPEE GRANT. ISLAMABAD SHOULD ENDEAVOR TO OBTAIN FROM LICROSS: CAN GENEVA OBTAIN FROM UNHCR?

3. FOR GENEVA: YOUR 2924 REPORTED THAT IN LATE MARCH LICROSS WAS PROJECTING A BUDGET OF SW. FR 5 MILLION (ABOUT \$2.3 MILLION AT CURRENT EXCHANGE RATE). HAS ORGANIZATION FORMALLY SUBMITTED A PLAN OF ACTION AGAINST WHICH WE CAN

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MAKE CONTRIBUTION?

4. REF A HAS BEEN REPEATED TO GENEVA. STOESSEL

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